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b) SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO CLAIMS

Examiner objects to the form of the claims as they exist. It is proposed to Amend the existing Claims 1 - 20 as indicated following this section, to bring the Application into compliance with patent law and to correct the form of the Claims. Below is a discussion of some of the specific objections Examiner raised to the then-existing Claims 1-20.

1. The Claims have been re-numbered to comply with 37 CFR 1.126.
2. The improper references to preceding claims have been amended as required.
3. Claim 12 has been canceled.
4. Some of the claims have been shortened.
5. Claim 1 has been restructured to elucidate the vinegar part of the formulation as subpart C.

It is hoped that the revised claims are adequately structured to allow the application to be approved.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

c). AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

We Claim:

1. (Currently amended): Solvent-free polish compositions useful for a wide variety of cleaning and/or polishing operations including but not limited to cleaning and/or polishing wooden furniture and household fixtures, doors, window sills and the like, and other wood and metal objects, floors, including wood, and composition floors, cars, boats, and the like, shoes and other leather articles; said polishing compositions consisting essentially of:
 - A. A wax, preferably of natural origin, said wax comprising from about 1 percent by weight (“%”) to about 70 % of the total formulation,

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- B. A non-drying natural-origin oil, said oil comprising from about 20% to about 99% of the formulation, said oil being selected from the group consisting of olive, peanut, rapeseed (canola), coconut, soybean, neatsfoot, sunflower, cottonseed, corn, and mixtures and combinations of these, and
- C. vinegar or acetic acid diluted with water so as to contain approximately the same amount of acetic acid as a type of vinegar, and
- D. Other useful optional potential additives for specific purposes, including abrasives, emulsifiers, thickeners, preservatives, colorants, ~~taste-induced deterrents~~, fragrances, ~~processing aids and the like,~~ —

~~“solvent” to be understood to mean volatile solvents typically used in polish compositions, being exemplified by petroleum distillates, paraffinic, olefinic or aromatic hydrocarbon solvents and/or solvent blends, turpentine, d-limonene, or chlorinated solvents~~

- 2. (Currently amended -formerly mis-numbered as Claim 3) The compositions of Claims 1 - or claim 2 20 wherein the wax is a wax of natural origin, said wax being at least one selected from the group containing beeswax, candelilla wax, carnauba wax, ozokerite wax, ceresine wax, orange wax or any other naturally-derived wax, and/or mixtures or combinations of two or more of these.
- 3. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 4): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~compositions of Claims 1-2~~ wherein the wax is a paraffin wax or other synthetic wax or combination of synthetic waxes which wax or combination of synthetic waxes is at least partially soluble in the oil when it is hot.
- 4. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 5): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~compositions of Claims 1-2~~ wherein the wax is a blend of at least one natural origin wax as delineated in Claim 2, 3 and at least one synthetic wax as delineated in Claim 4.

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5. (Canceled - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 6): ~~The composition of Claim 1 wherein the oil is a natural-origin non-drying oil, being exemplified by, but not limited to these oils: soybean, neatsfoot, olive, sunflower, canola, coconut, cottonseed, rapeseed, corn, and mixtures and combinations of these.~~
6. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 7): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 compositions of Claims 1-2, wherein the glycerin in the non-drying oil is at least partially substituted by an alcohol.
7. (Canceled - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 8): ~~The compositions of Claim 1 wherein the oil is a drying oil, being exemplified by but not limited to Tung oil or linseed oil, boiled, bodied, or otherwise processed, or raw.~~
8. (Canceled - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 9): ~~The composition of Claim 1 wherein the oil is a combination of a drying and a non-drying oil or oil derivative.~~
9. (Canceled - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 10): ~~The composition of Claim 1 wherein the oil is a synthetic oil, alone or in combination with a drying and/or a non-drying oil of natural origin or naturally derived and modified.~~
10. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 11) The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 compositions of Claims 1-2 wherein the vinegar is selected from the group consisting essentially of: apple cider vinegar, white vinegar, distilled vinegar, wine vinegar, balsamic vinegar, and/or mixtures and combinations of these.
11. (Canceled - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 12): ~~The composition of Claim 1 wherein the emulsion is additionally stabilized by an emulsifying agent, present in the amount of about 0.1 to about 10% by weight, said emulsifying agent preferably being substantially or~~

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~~completely naturally-derived, being exemplified but not exhaustively described by glycerine mono-stearate, or glycerine mono-oleate, sorbitan esters and/or sorbitan ester ethoxylates or some other carbohydrate-derived emulsifier, ethoxylated- or otherwise modified wax, polyethylene glycol esters of fatty acids, fatty acid alkanolamides, fatty acid salts, sodium salts of sulfosuccinates, amphoterics, etc.~~

12. (Canceled - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 13): ~~The compositions of Claim 1 - 12 wherein the polish further contains a partially or substantially water-soluble salt, being at least one selected from the group which is represented by, but not limited to: sodium chloride, lithium chloride, potassium chloride, calcium chloride, calcium carbonate, calcium bicarbonate, calcium sulfate, magnesium chloride, magnesium carbonate, magnesium sulfate, calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, sodium bicarbonate, sodium percarbonate, boric acid, sodium borate, sodium perborate, barium chloride, barium carbonate and/or mixtures and/or combinations of these, present in the amount of about 0.1% to about 90 percent by weight of the whole mixture.~~
13. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 14): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 compositions of Claims 1 - 13 wherein the polish further contains clay or clays, talc, silica or silicas, alumina, calcium magnesium silicates, garnet, mica or some other insoluble the abrasive is present in an amount of about 0.1 to about 90% of the composition. ~~abrasive and/or otherwise insoluble material, and/or mixtures and/or combinations of these, present in the amount of about 0.1% to about 90 percent by weight of the whole mixture.~~
14. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 15): ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1 - 14~~ The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing wooden furniture or fixtures, doors and/or doorframes, window sills and frames, and other similar varnished, oiled, treated, coated, painted or unpainted and untreated wood or wood composition surfaces.

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15. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 16): The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-13~~ wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing wood, parquet, linoleum and other flooring materials on floors including, but not limited to varnished, sealed, coated, painted and/or unfinished wood.
16. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 17): ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-14~~ The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing brass, copper, stainless or carbon steel, wrought-, cast- or other forms of iron or other metal and combination metal composition articles, said metal articles to include door knobs, lock frames, hinges and window frames; window accessories; furniture handles, corner protectors, window frames, cast iron skillets and/or cookware; also including metal on cars and boats.
17. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 18): ~~One of the compositions of Claims 1-14~~ The compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 wherein the resulting cleaner/polish is useful for cleaning and/or polishing cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, or skis and the like.
18. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 19): A method of cleaning and/or polishing articles of wood, flooring materials, articles of metal, cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, skis and the like comprising contacting said articles with the cleaning and/or polishing compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 ~~composition of one of Claims 1-14~~ involving contacting said article with the cleaning and/or polishing composition ~~delineated in Claims 1-13~~ and after a certain efficacious amount of waiting time rubbing, scrubbing, buffing, or otherwise working said article with said composition with a cloth, metal, plastic or other intermediary material or materials, and then essentially leaving on whatever stays on the cleaned and/or polished article.

19. (Currently amended - Formerly mis-numbered as Claim 20): A method of cleaning and/or polishing articles of wood, flooring materials, articles of metal, cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, skis and the like comprising contacting said articles with the cleaning and/or polishing ~~composition of one of Claims 1-14~~ compositions of Claim 1 or Claim 20 and rubbing, scrubbing, buffing, or otherwise working said article with said composition with a cloth, metal, plastic or other intermediary material or materials, and after an efficacious time of intimate contact, wiping off said composition, optionally with an intermediary solvent such as water, alcohol, or other solvents or solvent combinations or some other cleaning composition. ~~followed by a repeat application or applications of the cleaning and/or polishing composition, utilizing the method of Claim 18, Claim 19 or optionally wiping off the excess with a cloth or paper towel.~~
20. (Currently amended - formerly mis-numbered as Claim 2) The composition of Claim 1, ~~further including vinegar or acetic acid diluted with water so as to contain approximately the same amount of acetic acid as a type of vinegar, such that where~~ the vinegar or diluted acetic acid ~~comprises~~ is from about 0.1% to about 70% of the formulation.

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d) AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

In light of the discussion in the Office Action, the proposed amendments to the specification that were submitted previously are withdrawn. However, the error on Page 8 has been corrected in the proposed amended Page 8 of the specification, which is included below with this Response. Please note that the page number at the bottom of the proposed amended specification is the same as the original page number, not the correct page number for this response.

sodium borate, sodium perborate, barium chloride, barium carbonate, and/or mixtures and/or combinations of these. The salt, when added to the formulation, should comprise from about 0.1 to about 90%.

Likewise, although decidedly not a preferred embodiment, the composition of this invention can contain clay or clays, talc, silica or silicas, alumina, calcium magnesium silicates, garnet, mica or some other abrasive. The formulations of the instant invention are rather viscous, semi-pastes, and so these materials and the abrasives listed above stay suspended without the need of added suspending agents. Polishes containing clays, talc, etc do, however suffer from the disadvantage that the residue will be white and therefore objectionable. These are therefore not preferred embodiments. The insoluble abrasive, when added to the formulation, should comprise from about 0.1 to about 90%.

The polishes of the instant invention are useful for cleaning and/or polishing a wide variety of objects, nearly anything that is normally polished. Examples of the types of objects that are usefully cleaned and/or polished with the instant invention include, but are not limited to:

- wooden furniture or fixtures, doors and/or doorframes, window sills and frames, and other similar varnished, oiled, treated, coated, painted or unpainted and untreated wood or wood composition surfaces,
- wood, parquet, linoleum and other flooring materials on floors including, but not limited to varnished, sealed, coated, painted and/or unfinished wood,
- brass, copper, stainless or carbon steel, wrought-, cast- or other forms of iron or ~~other~~ other metal and combination metal composition articles, said metal articles to include but not be limited to: door knobs, lock frames, hinges and window frames; window accessories; furniture handles, corner protectors, window frames, legs, and the like; cast iron skillet and/or cookware; also including metal on cars and boats,
- cars, boats, surfboards, skateboards, motorcycles, bicycles, skis and the like.

These and other preferred embodiments are disclosed and exemplified by the formulations delineated in the following examples.